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OF RECOMBINANT PROTEIN AT LOW TEMPERATURE**

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This communication is responsive to the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment dated January 21, 2008, concerning the above-referenced patent application.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this document.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 3 of this document.